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1. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HERE OF IMPLICATIONS OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP (CG) FOR AID TO LAOS, UNATTACHED TO ANY OVERALL INDO-CHINA FORUM, LEAD US TO ELABORATE ON COMMENTS REFTEL (C).

2. ALTHOUGH FORMATION SUCH A GROUP OBVIOUSLY APPEALING TO LAOS, WE CONCERNED THAT EXPEDITIOUS FORMATION LAOS CG INDE-  
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PENDENT OF GROUP FOR INDOCHINA AS A WHOLE MAY LEAD SOME

DONORS TO UNWARRANTED CONCLUSION THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE MET BEFORE A DONOR GROUP CAN BE FORMED. IMPRESSION WE DESIRE PROMOTE IS THAT A LOOSE DONOR GROUP FOR INDOCHINA CAN BE FORMED THAT IS EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND AFFORDS OPPORTUNITY FOR EMERGENCE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SUB-GROUPS FOR WHICH DIFFERENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRITERIA ON ASSISTANCE MAY WELL BE APPLIED. SUB-GROUPS AND OVERALL INDOCHINA GROUP IN FUTURE WOULD CHANGE CHARACTER IN KEEPING WITH EVOLVING INDOCHINA SITUATION.

3. IT NOW APPEARS THAT A JUNE MEETING FOR INDOCHINA UNDER WORLD BANK AUSPICES MAY BE POSSIBLE, AND THAT DISCUSSION OF A SUB-GROUP FOR LAOS AT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE LIKELY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOREGOING BE KEPT IN MIND AS YOU ENTER INTO DISCUSSION WITH SOUVANNA PER  
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